



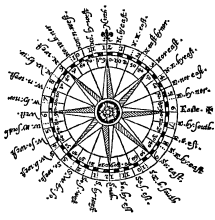
**Charting the Course to 2025:
The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

Meeting Notice

York County Environmental & Development Services Building
105 Service Drive, Yorktown
Monday, June 27, 2005
6:00 PM

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Draft Environment Element**
- 3. Draft Community Facilities Element**
- 4. Other items**
- 5. Adjourn**



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Meeting Notes

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Members Present: Nick Barba, Ken Bowman, Jack Christie, Jack Davis, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Carl Loveland, Al Ptasznik, Ralph Smith

Staff Present: Mark Carter, Tim Cross, Earl Anderson, Anna Drake (Department of Environmental and Development Services)

Chairman Barba called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

Mr. Cross distributed copies of the draft Environment element and introduced Anna Drake, Manager of Environmental Programs, who wrote most of it (the sections on air pollution, noise, and waste management excepted). He explained that Ms. Drake has an extensive background in environmental issues and was instrumental in updating the *Comprehensive Plan* several years ago for compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. Ms. Drake briefly summarized the proposed changes to the Environment element, most of which are intended to reflect changes to the Chesapeake Bay regulations that went into effect in 2004.

Mr. Ptasznik asked if the floodplain maps have been revised. Mr. Cross responded that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now in the process of updating the maps.

Mr. Loveland asked Ms. Drake for her opinion about sea level rise. She responded that she believes the sea level is indeed rising based on her discussions with older residents who have lived in the County all their lives. Mr. Cross added that an early, preliminary draft of the regional hazard mitigation plan for the Peninsula included a section on sea level rise.

Mr. Bowman expressed concern about shoreline erosion and the need for a systematic, comprehensive solution rather than leaving it up to individual homeowners to protect their properties in a piecemeal fashion. He noted the County's role in addressing shoreline erosion at Yorktown Beach and advocated a similar approach, perhaps in partnership with the property owners and the Federal and state governments, for other shoreline properties that are especially vulnerable to nor'easters. Ms. Drake responded that the draft Environment element contains a section on shoreline erosion and recommends that the County encourage the coordination of shoreline erosion control measures among adjacent property owners.

DRAFT COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

Mr. Anderson reviewed the draft Community Facilities element, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, and highlighted proposed changes to the current plan. Mr. Davis asked why, in connection with the renovation of York High School, there had been no consideration given to converting the school to a combined high school/middle school similar to the Grafton school complex. Mr. Anderson responded that according to Jim Wilkins, Director of Maintenance and

Facilities Support for the School Division, the possibility had been discussed but was deemed infeasible because of a guy wire for the radio tower located in the school's central courtyard area, which was the only possible location for an addition.

Mr. Bowman noted that citizens had contacted him about the limited availability of public fishing piers in the County, and he asked about the former state dock near Seaford Scallop. Mr. Carter responded that in exchange for the abandonment of the state dock, Seaford Scallop had contributed funding for alternative facilities and that these funds were used to improve the cofferdam pier. Mr. Anderson responded that the Division of Parks and Recreation is working on improving public access to the waterfront, which is addressed in the draft plan. Mr. Davis commented that there are a lot of maintenance issues involved with public piers, and Mr. Smith added that the activity they generate – including boat and trailer traffic, noise, and parking problems – often causes problems for nearby residents. Mr. Ptasznik suggested that perhaps the County could work with the National Park Service to construct a pier at Felgate's Creek along the Colonial Parkway.

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT

In response to a question from Mr. Davis about the Affordable Housing Incentive Provisions, which are mentioned in Housing Implementation Strategy #2, Mr. Cross explained that these provisions of the Zoning Ordinance are intended to promote cost-containment by limiting house size and reducing the requirements for common area and recreational facilities. He added that there may be a need to revise these provisions to make them more effective.

Mr. Smith recommended that the description of citizen input regarding mixed-use development in the Housing element be reworded in a more positive manner.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cross reported that the staff had received email correspondence, which was forwarded to the Steering Committee members, from a James City County resident who opposes the extension of Mooretown Road to Croaker Road. He commented whether or not the road is extended into James City County would not be for York County to decide. Mr. Cross added that James City County has not taken a position on the road and that the county's planning director has indicated that it will be addressed in the next comprehensive plan update, which will begin in 2007 or 2008.

Chairman Barba reminded everyone that the Committee would meet again in the same location on Wednesday, June 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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